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SUBJECT: UNESCO: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN UN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

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1. DEPT REQUIRES BY COB WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, PERMDEL'S
BEST ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE SHIFT IN EMPHASIS TOWARDS
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LARGELY A SHIFT FROM HEADQUARTERS
ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS TECHNICAL COOPERA-
TION PROGRAMS TO ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD THAT ARE GENERALLY
CALLED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS? WHAT OTHER BASIC
CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZA-
TIONS THAT ARE A DEPARTURE FROM PAST TRENDS AND HOW COULD
THESE CHANGES BE CHARACTERIZED?

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B. TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THE NEW AND EXISTING TECHNICAL
PROGRAMS OF UNESCO DUPLICATIVE OR OVERLAPPING WITH
ACTIVITIES OF THE UNDP OR OTHER VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS? TO
WHAT EXTENT ARE UNESCO OR THE UNDP BETTER EQUIPPED TO
CARRY OUT THESE PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIALIZED
NATURE, SMALL SCALE, OR EMERGENCY ORIENTATION.

C. TO WHAT EXTENT ARE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF UNESCO CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS OF THE AGENCIES? HOW LONG HAVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES, WHETHER WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE OR NOT, BEEN A CUSTOMARY OR TRADITIONAL ACTIVITY OF UNESCO.

D. THERE ARE CONFLICTING DEFINITIONS AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, WHO TENDS TO CALL THEIR PROGRAMS TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS, NOT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO TYPES OF ACTIVITIES. WITH REGARD TO UNESCO, ARE THERE DIFFERENT, MEANINGFUL AND LEGITIMATE DEFINITIONS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND WHAT PROPORTION OF ASSESSED BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES WOULD FALL UNDER EACH SUCH DEFINITION?

E. CAN WE COMPILE TABLES SHOWING PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN BOTH NOMINAL AND REAL LEVELS OF TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGETS OVER THE PAST 10 TO 20 YEARS AND WHERE POSSIBLE DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT THESE INCREASES IN NOMINAL AND ASSESSED BUDGETS ARE DUE TO EXPANDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. VANCE

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